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A PERMANENT MEMORIAL

Missouri will celebrate its hundredth anniversary as a state during 1920 and 1921 with a series of events over the entire state.

On August 10, 1821, President Monroe signed the decree which made Missouri one of the United States of America. Since that memorial day this state has assumed a greater and greater role in the civic and military affairs of the nation. Home of two of the greatest cities of the country, one of the leading corn producing states in the Union and the seat of the greatest zinc and lead industries in the world, Missouri is also daily becoming a greater factor in finance and resources.

Starting with such famous pioneers as Daniel Boone, Missouri has added to her list of men who do until she now can boast of an unusual share in honors of leadership. At the head of the selective draft machinery stands General Enoch Crowder of Grundy County; leading the American forces in France as one of the six generals in the history of this country is John J. Pershing, a native of Linn County; in the midst of the political chaos of Russia, guiding the affairs of this nation with a steady hand, is former Governor David R. Francis. These are only a few of the famous men who are daily adding more honor to the name of Missouri.

Shall the hundredth anniversary of our proud state pass by with only speeches and banquets to commemorate such an important event? The famous battlegrounds of the Revolutionary and Civil wars are marked by permanent memorials that time may not efface from the memories of our descendants the sacredness of these spots. How much more fitting to mark this turning point in the centuries of Missouri with a permanent memorial.

Father may have responded gloriously to the Liberty Loan bond campaign. Now let's see if he will respond as gloriously to mother's request for help in conserving the food supplies in this country.

How pleasant it must be to the German people to know that they have 180,000 Italian prisoners now to help them consume their supply of food-stuffs for this winter.

Another thing, the man who bought his Liberty bonds early has done the best sort of "early" Christmas shopping. He has purchased gifts for the entire United States Army.

How fitting that a red haired "rookie" should fire the first American gun in the war against Germany. But here's hoping the last gun will not have to be fired by a gray haired man.

Kaiser Wilhelm has pledged his faith in the Turks. How true the saying that "birds of a feather flock together."

"Working to beat the kaiser" should be a much more pungent phrase now than "working to beat the band."

Better a few meatless and wheatless days now than meatless days later.

It's too true that "united we may eat, divided we may starve."

THE CURE FOR DISCOURAGEMENT

The formula which is to prove the final cure for discouragement has not yet been put on the market. Probably the man or woman who finally evolves it out of the makeshift remedies for the blues of all time, will be proclaimed the king of all inventors, or perhaps, better, of all discoverers; for the remedy surely exists somewhere, lying hidden away for somebody with a genius for persistent searching to discover.

But there are some things which help when discouragement slips upon its victim like a particularly stealthy thief on an especially gloomy night. One of these is song—or rather singing. Always there are those who can testify that singing lightens the load of care and strained nerves. Of course, it's not the easiest thing in the world to sing when the heart is full, but if one single bubble of song can be brought to the lips' surface, the battle is practically won. The process won't be edifying to the innocent bystander, who in this case will be compelled to listen, but it will do wonders for the disposition of the sufferer.

Then there's the reading cure. To

the lover of books, there is a solace in a favorite author and a comfortable chair which never fails.

The fresh air cure works sometimes, too. A brisk tramp in the woods has cleared away many an imaginary perplexity. And the work remedy mustn't be forgotten. To one who is really interested in his own work, a steady application of that work will serve as a panacea for most ills.

Perhaps, best of all, though, is the "get-interested-in-somebody-else" method. Here again, there must be resolves. It is hard at first to take any notice of even friends when hearts are heavy. But there is a delicious satisfaction, after all, in meddling with other people's affairs, and after the other fellow has poured out his tale of woe, and one has advised him, it is surprising how little of one's own troubles are left.

Of course for the constitutional grouch there isn't much hope. We long ago learned that he was happiest when blue, and we accordingly let him enjoy himself in his own way.

THE OPEN COLUMN

Let All Sign the Pledge.

Editor the Missourian: In Sunday morning's Missourian I notice that the "pledge-signing campaign" is over and that 2,621 families have signed the pledge. It is certain that the canvass was not very thorough, because I know of one section of the city that has not been given a chance to sign. I believe in conservation, and would like to have had the opportunity to sign, but I was missed in some way. We have been observing "meatless" days, and are going to have "wheatless" days on our menu.

A CITIZEN.

Why Was Windsor Street Slighted?

Editor the Missourian: According to the announcement made in the Sunday Morning Missourian, the Hoover pledge-signing campaign is ended. Evidently the women in charge of the soliciting were not aware of the existence of a thoroughfare known as Windsor street. At any rate, I know at least five families on that street who had no opportunity to sign the Hoover pledge, notwithstanding their willingness so to do. For the benefit of the women responsible for the oversight, we wish to state that Windsor is a paved street running east from Price avenue. Why were the residents of Windsor street overlooked? We are conservationists and observe not only "meatless" days, but "meatless" weeks.

WINDSOR RESIDENT.

The Coal Shortage.

Editor the Missourian: Columbia is in the midst of a coal shortage, which has made it necessary to send a representative to St. Louis to secure relief. Many homes are cold because the families cannot purchase coal enough to last them although having standing orders with the companies here. I personally have been suffering the in-

convenience of a cold house because it is impossible to get fuel.

And all this is taking place when Columbia has big coal deposits near at hand that have not been touched. Why is it that the city cannot take advantage of the opportunity and make use of the supply which may be had for the digging? True, the coal in Boone County is not of the highest grade, but poor grade coal is better and makes far more heat than none.

It would seem that a stock company could quickly be formed among Columbia business men and several shafts could be sunk immediately to relieve citizens during the present crisis. With no transportation charges and other expenses for bringing coal a long distance, the company ought to be a paying proposition from the first. And the venture might result in greater activity along this line in the future.

The present problem, however, is to relieve the coal shortage situation. If Columbia can supply her own needs now she is doing that much toward winning the war.

CITIZEN.

Intramural Sports at Missouri.

Editor the Missourian: At this time when the football season is at its height and there is little time for the athletically inclined man to think of any other line of sport, it may seem a bit inappropriate to talk of intramural sports. Dr. W. E. Meanwell, the University of Missouri's new athletic director, however, in outlining his program at Missouri and in his work since has shown an inclination to take up this sort of physical exercise, and the University must realize just what such an innovation would mean to University men.

To have two-thirds or even half of the men in school here working in some sport would mean much toward the improvement not only of other sports here but, what is more im-

portant it would mean much for the students' physical well being. Up at Wisconsin, Dr. Meanwell had hundreds of men working in intramural sports, he had class teams of hockey, tennis, basketball and the other sports. By getting men interested in inter-department and inter-class athletics he developed new material for the teams that were to represent Wisconsin.

This is a day when people realize more and more the need for some sort of physical exercise for everyone. Be it in football, baseball, basketball or track or in any of the other lines of athletics it is generally agreed that a man who interests himself in this way adds years to his life. Missouri is fortunate in having a man like Athletic Director Meanwell at the head of the athletic department here. And he will find the University ready and eager to respond to his call for intramural sports.

M. P.

Dr. E. C. Griffith Here.

Dr. E. C. Griffith of the William Jewell faculty returned to Liberty yesterday after spending the week-end in Columbia. Doctor Griffith was a member of the University faculty in the history and political science department until the fall of 1915. He came to Columbia to attend a historical meeting.

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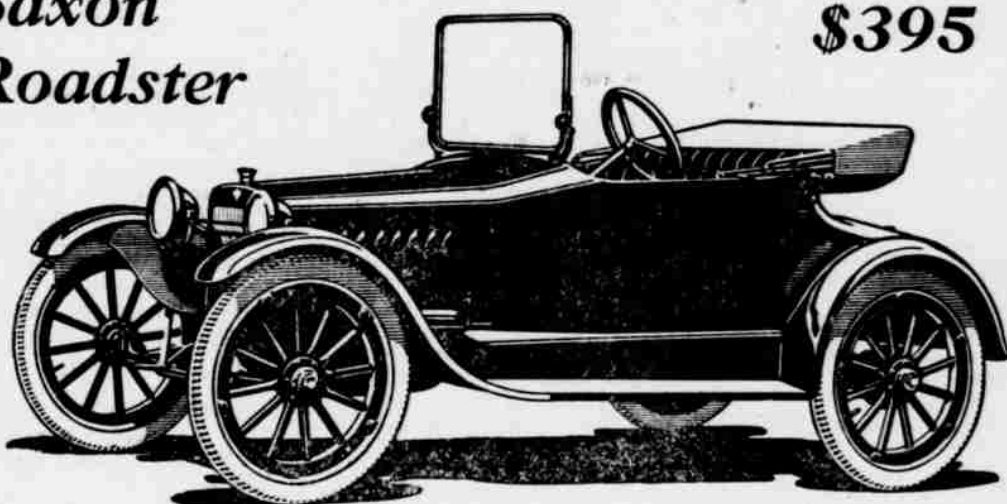
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